

FFA Career Development Events

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In Cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Education

General Rules and Regulations

1. All teams must pre-register prior to the event. The pre-registration deadline date is posted in the Calendar of Events.
2. Registration must be completed for each individual and team participating in the New Jersey FFA Career Development Events.
3. NO alternate teams or team members will judge or compete at state level competition, unless otherwise stated in the Career Development Announcement. Only students who are competing should be at the event.
4. Teachers are responsible for supervision of their students throughout the day. All students attending should be a member of a competing team.
5. Teachers will be assigned to assist at various Career Development Events. Names and Career Development Events are rotated so teachers have the opportunity to view different Events. Assignments are published in the Career Development Event Bulletin.
6. A registration fee is assessed for each Career Development Event a school/chapter enters. Payment is due at registration. Registration fees are used to pay Career Development Event expenses and to provide awards. Please make checks payable to: Treasurer, State of New Jersey.
7. The school with the highest team score or combined score of the three highest individuals (exceptions *Ag Sales*: team score is calculated from all four members and *Dairy Foods*: low score wins the event) will have the opportunity to represent New Jersey in regional competition at the Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Massachusetts, held annually in September and in national competition at the National FFA Convention held annually in October.
8. Members of a first place team in a New Jersey FFA State Career Development Event may not compete in that particular New Jersey FFA Career Development Event again.
9. Only dues-paid members of chartered chapters in good standing may be certified to compete for recognition and further competition. Non-members and non-chartered chapters/schools may participate but are not eligible for trips, trophies, certificates, medals, and banners. Entry fees may be higher for non-members.
10. The H.O. Sampson Award program seeks to recognize chapters for their FFA event and career development participation, between May 1 and April 30. Chapters are recognized with a gold, silver or bronze ranking.

FALL EVENTS

Dairy Products**

SPRING EVENTS

Agriculture Mechanics**

Fruits & Vegetables	Agriculture Business Management**
Land Judging	Floriculture**
Turf Management	Nursery & Landscaping**
	Poultry Judging**
	Environmental/Natural Resources**
	Dairy Judging**
	Floral Design
	Livestock Judging**
	Horse Judging**
	Agricultural Sales**
	Agricultural Issues**
	Parliamentary Procedure**

11. **New Jersey Career Development Events conducted using guidelines in the National FFA Career Development Event Booklet. Other Career Development Events not marked are New Jersey Career Development Events. No further competition is available for New Jersey Career Development Events, with the exception of Land Judging (Oklahoma competition). Consult the State Activity Guide for event summaries on each Career Development Event.
12. Official teams must be at Career Development Event location at the starting time. Teams who arrive late will be disqualified at the discretion of the CDE Coordinator.
13. No individuals from the same school/chapter shall talk, confer or judge together. Penalty will be the loss of score for that section of the Career Development Event. If the situations continue, the individuals will be disqualified.
14. All individuals participating will judge in a cooperative manner and will follow the rules set forth by the Career Development Event chairperson.
15. No school/teacher will use the Cook College Campus, the College Farm at New Brunswick, Delaware Valley College, or any other Career Development site for the training of teams. Penalty will be disqualification.
16. Awards for the state Career Development Events will be as follows:
 - A. The top 3 individuals in overall scores will receive the following:

1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, 3rd Bronze Medal
 - B. The top five individuals in "Practicum" portions of Career Development Events will receive Certificates of Achievement.

Overall standings refer to the total score each student achieves on each Career Development Event section. Practicum standings refer to the total of the hands on sections.

17. The Agricultural Mechanics, Dairy, Dairy Products, Parliamentary Procedure, Agricultural Business Management, Floriculture, Livestock, Nursery/Landscape, Ag Sales, Poultry, and Ag Issues Career Development Events will be conducted using the same rules, forms and references outlined in the National FFA Career Development Events Manual. Copies are available off the National FFA website, located at www.ffa.org. Students should be prepared in all Career Development Event sections. State information is available on CDE summary pages for each event. Summary Sheets are located in the State Activity Guide on the NJ Ag Ed website located at http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/rural/ag_education.htm

Competency Testing

1. The Nursery & Landscape Career Development Event will count as the completer exam for the occupation of "Landscape Technician". The Floriculture Career Development Event will count as the completer exam for the occupation of "Nursery Worker/Greenhouse Technician".
2. A school who elects to use either the Nursery & Landscape or the Floriculture Career Development Event as their competency exam may register any number of students to take the exam at the Career Development Event. Only (4) four members may register to compete as the official FFA team at the Career Development Event.
3. Only members of the NJ FFA Association and the National FFA Organization will pay the current cost of registration for the Career Development Events in order to register for the completer exam.
4. Students who are not members of the NJ FFA Association and the National FFA Organization will pay \$20 to register for the completer exam.
5. Students taking the exam will have pre-affixed labels on all scorecards, tests, answer sheets and other forms.
6. Those students registered for the competency exams cannot be replaced by substitutions. Each student registered is responsible for attending and participating in the exam. The entry fees of any registered student not present at the exam will not be refunded to the school. Any registered student who does not take this exam must take another exam at the expense and time of the sending district.
7. Special needs students taking the exam are to be treated no differently from other students during the exam, unless the I.E.P.s state otherwise. When the mean is developed from an exam, those scores of special needs students may be dropped. The scores of special needs students may be dropped from the school's average, as well.
8. Each school will receive a list of the students' scores from that school. The scoring of the exam will in no way affect or be affected by the scoring of the competition.

Post-Secondary Agricultural Education Division

1. A separate division of all events held during the Fall and Spring Career Development Events will be open for dues paid Post-Secondary FFA members.
2. Post-Secondary FFA members must be current students of agricultural education in a recognized New Jersey secondary school agricultural education program that has an FFA chapter in good standing with the NJ FFA Association.

3. Competitors in the "Post-Secondary Division" may compete on an individual basis only. There will be no teams. A school may have up to four post secondary FFA members competing in one event.
4. The placing of the "Post-Secondary Division" will be ranked and posted separately from the general membership placing. This prevents competition between classes. The placing in this division will have no bearing on the selection for teams competing at the Regional and National levels. State events are the highest level that post-secondary FFA members of the NJ FFA Association may compete as FFA Members.
5. Post-Secondary FFA members who wish to compete in any CDE must register on a form separate from the general membership.
6. Post-Secondary FFA members competing in a Career Development Event must wear clothing appropriate for the career that the event models.
7. All CDE results will be published at the same time. The first place individual in the "Post-Secondary Division" will be recognized at the NJ FFA State Convention with a certificate.

Requesting Assistance for a Career Development Event

For students requiring assistance during a career development event, the following assistance will be provided:

Reader

The reader will assist a student by reading aloud to them any written instructions for the CDE, exam questions, etc. without providing any interpretation of the questions/information or helping that student come to a conclusion.

Scribe

The scribe will provide assistance to a student by writing down information such as the answer to a question. The scribe will not provide a student with direction or additional information that would help that student solve a problem or come to a conclusion.

Additional time for completing sections of a Career Development Event

In order to conduct a state level career development event efficiently, no additional time will be provided to a student to complete portions of that CDE.

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